

## Delaware State Lottery Financial Statement Audit for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2020 and 2021

**What Was Performed?** A financial statement audit of the Delaware State Lottery for fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2021.

**Why This Engagement?** This engagement was performed in accordance with 29 *Del. C.* § 4816 and 29 *Del. C.* § 2906.

The Delaware Lottery was established in 1974 by legislative decree. Unlike many other state lotteries, which target their revenues for specific efforts, the Delaware Lottery's revenue is not earmarked for any specific cause or group. By law, the Delaware Lottery generates income for the State's General Fund. The Lottery is also legally obligated to transfer funds to Department of Health and Social Services and Department of Agriculture to accommodate for services that benefit the Lottery that are paid for from their programs.

The General Fund is a pool of money that finances a variety of state services, such as youth education, protecting neighborhoods from crime and pollution, maintaining parks and beaches, and healthcare for families and seniors. In this way, the Delaware Lottery helps pay for services that otherwise would require additional tax dollars.

The Delaware Lottery contributed over \$175 million to the state's General Fund in fiscal year 2020 and over \$216 million to the state's General Fund in Fiscal Year 2021.

Delaware Lottery management requested a comparative report reflecting the past two fiscal years.

What Was Found? It is my pleasure to report this audit contained an unmodified opinion.<sup>1</sup>

The Delaware State Lottery Financial Statement Audit for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2020 and 2021, can be found on our website here.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An unmodified opinion is sometimes referred to as a "clean" opinion. It is one in which the auditor expresses an opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, an entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.